

Financial advisors make SMART529 honor roll

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CHARLESTON – A total of 32 West Virginia financial advisors have been named to the 2004 SMART529 Statewide Honor Roll for their role in promoting college savings in West Virginia, State Treasurer John Perdue announced today, with nine others receiving special recognition.

“Professional advice can be important when building an appropriate investment plan to prepare for future college costs,” Perdue said. “These men and women have excelled in helping show parents and grandparents the advantages of the state’s SMART529 college savings plan.”

State residents have the option of investing in SMART529 either direct or through their financial advisors located in banks, investment firms and other financial services businesses throughout West Virginia.

Financial advisors named to the 2004 SMART529 Statewide Honor Roll placed in the top 10 percent of both the number of accounts opened and in total dollars invested in the SMART529 program from May 2003 through April 2004.

Investment professionals receiving the Statewide Honor Roll award were:

<u>City</u>	<u>Advisor Name</u>	<u>Firm Name</u>
Beckley	Douglas Lehman	Edward Jones
Charleston	Gary Beckett	Arnett & Foster

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BB&T Investment Services Inc

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Charleston	Ed Duffey II	BB&T Investment Services Inc
Charleston	Patricia Harlan	BB&T Investment Services Inc
Charleston	Kelly Castleberry	Smith Barney
Charleston	Mark McCoy	Huntington Investment Co
Charleston	Douglas Sorrells	Commercial Insurance Services
Charleston	Casey Robinson	Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Inc
Charleston	Kimberly Ward	United Brokerage Services
Charleston	Samuel Crichton	Wachovia Securities, LLC-PCG
Charleston	David Houchins	Wachovia Securities, LLC-PCG
Charleston	David Kirby	Wachovia Securities, LLC-PCG
Charleston	Jacqueline Lawson	Wachovia Securities, LLC-PCG
Charleston	Richard Lehman	Wachovia Securities, LLC-PCG
Charleston	Carl Lehman	Wachovia Securities, LLC-PCG
Charleston	Kathryn Lester	Wachovia Securities, LLC-PCG
Clarksburg	James Starcher	BB&T Investment Services Inc
Clarksburg	Todd Fulks	Edward Jones
Fairmont	Tony Nichols	BB&T Investment Services Inc
Huntington	James Mitchell	BB&T Investment Services Inc
Morgantown	Constance Blaha	AG Edwards & Sons Inc
Parkersburg	Christopher Hall	Edward Jones
Parkersburg	Les Pritchard	Legg Mason Wood Walker
Parkersburg	Jason Boley	United Brokerage Services
Shepherdstown	T. J. Roccograndi	BB&T Investment Services Inc
Shepherdstown	George Alwin	Edward Jones
Shepherdstown	Rob Hoxton IV	Trustmark Financial Group Inc
Vienna	Jill Jones	United Brokerage Services
Weirton	Robert Capito	Royal Alliance Associates
Wheeling	Christopher Freeman	Parker/Hunter Incorporated
Wheeling	Tammy Poppe	Parker/Hunter Incorporated

Special recognition was also given to nine additional financial advisors for their outstanding efforts within their local region of the state. They are:

<u>City</u>	<u>Advisor Name</u>	<u>Firm Name</u>
Beckley	Walter Noyes	United Brokerage Services
Ceredo	Anthony Robinette	United Brokerage Services
Charles Town	Daniel Burhans	Edward Jones
Fairmont	Robert Brian Kerekes	Edward Jones
Huntington	George Snider III	Edward Jones
Huntington	Joseph Randolph	AG Edwards

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<u>City</u>	<u>Advisor Name</u>	<u>Firm Name</u>
Morgantown	Venetia Abulaban	Huntington Investment Co
Parkersburg	Scott Davis	BB&T Investment Services Inc
Ronceverte	Cheryl Hayes	BB&T Investment Services Inc

SMART529 is a program of the West Virginia College Prepaid Tuition and Savings Program Board of Trustees, of which State Treasurer John Perdue is chairman. It is managed by the Hartford Life Insurance Co. At the end of March, the SMART529 savings plans had more than 41,000 accounts with investments totaling \$323 million.

The SMART529 family of college savings plans is available in several versions to provide a wider variety of options that can be tailored to meet individual needs. SMART529, Leaders SMART529 and Cornerstone SMART529 all offer investment options managed by some of America's leading investment management firms.

Additional information on SMART529 college savings plans may be obtained from private investment professionals across West Virginia or by visiting the program web site at www.smart529.com.

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